

Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 7th February

Next Club Day: 7th March

Whareora Hall 10.00am

What to bring:

- Your **Membership card** to show at the door
- **Cash** for the produce table, **produce** for the produce table
- **Library books** you have borrowed
- **Bee suit** (Club has some for members to use also)

Directions: From SH1, turn off to *Kensington*. Turn left onto *Mill Road*, then right at *Whareora Road*. Keep on this road until it joins *Pataua North Road* and continue for a few more minutes.

The hall is on the right. Please **do not** park on the road.

February Club Day

What's happening in the hives in February?

Member talk time – your chance to ask questions and tap into the “hive mind” of members



Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	
Set up in Kitchen 9am & Set up Lunch	
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	

Volunteers
needed

All these jobs are easy and require very little time and effort, please sign up on the roster at Club Day. A big “THANK YOU” for your help.

[Apiarist's Advocate](#)

Podcast [link here](#)

[January Edition](#)

Beekeeping News from NZ and around the world.....

Yellow-legged hornets in Auckland

Yellow-legged hornets (*Vespa velutina*) are a non-native pest hornet not known to be established in New Zealand. Biosecurity New Zealand wants to hear from anyone who has seen this insect to help find others in the area.

[MPI hornet detection updates and general info](#)

[Beekeepers' surveillance guide](#)

[Beekeepers' action guide to trapping](#)

[Beekeepers' yellow-legged hornet FAQs](#)

There's a Wasp Nest in the Living Room. On Purpose.

These variegated, collaged-looking nests — fetching up to \$250 each — are a recent fixation in interior design.

When a Murder Hornet Becomes a Tasty Meal

A researcher found that a Japanese pond frog is impervious to the stings of the northern giant hornet, even when it goes down the hatch.

Apiculture Training Programmes

Build your skills. Build your hive.

Beekeeping plays a crucial role in New Zealand's environment and food production. Our apiculture programme blends practical, hands-on training with essential theory so you can develop real confidence working with bees. From hive care and seasonal management to honey production and disease control, you'll learn the core skills needed to support commercial operations or manage your own hives.

Gain knowledge that's grounded in industry practice and valued across the apiculture sector.



Financial Statement

Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 21 August 2025

Operating Account	4,754.62
Savings Account	35,481.69
Total Funds	40,236.31

Plus Income From

New Members	770.00
Hives & Bee equipmt sales	421.80
Renew Memberships	600.00
Book sale	225.00
Income tax refund	572.08
Misc	5.00
Interest-01	258.23
	<u>2,852.11</u>
	43,088.42

Less Expenditure

asset : 6 frame electric extractor	1,616.90
Bookkeeping costs	225.00
RWT -acct01	116.20
Club Day Expenses	532.33
PO Box subs	280.00
API annual subs.	253.00
Phone- president	189.00
small assets	50.60
events - promotion costs	15.05
Whareora Hall Hire	320.00
Printing Stationney	207.70
website	253.00
Xero - Monthly Sub	286.36
	<u>4,345.14</u>
	38,743.28

Total Balances as at 31 December 2025

Operating Account	3,119.56
Savings Account	35,623.72
	<u>38,743.28</u>

Other News and websites to check out

[RNZ interview with Auckland club president: Yellow-legged hornets continue to spread](#)

[Meet Auckland's 11-year-old beekeeper keeping the community sweet | RNZ News](#)

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Call for contributions

If you would like to contribute articles, recipes, photos or any other content for the newsletter we would love to hear from you!!

If you have something to add, then please email it to wbccommunication@gmail.com



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